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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KYOJI OMI : EXAMINER: GRANT II, J.
SERIAL NO: 09/218,335 :
FILED: DECEMBER 22, 1998 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2626
FOR: MODULAR COPYING SYSTEM :
USING LIGHT WAVE, ELECTRIC WAVE,
OR SONIC WAVE INTERCONNECTIONS

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On March 9, 2004, applicant's below-noted representative conducted an interview with Examiner Grant to discuss the issues in the outstanding application.

More specifically, during that interview applicant's representative presented comments to Examiner Grant that the claims were proper under the "Recapture Rule". Applicant's representative also presented arguments to Examiner Grant that the last communication, namely the Advisory Action of October 21, 2003, appeared to rely upon teachings in U.S. patent 4,831,457 to Watanabe in a way that was unclear. Specifically, it was unclear whether the teachings in Watanabe were being relied upon in a manner similar to an art rejection, or what manner those teachings were relied upon. During the interview applicant's representative also presented comments to Examiner Grant that the claims as written have a distinguishing structure over that even noted in Watanabe.

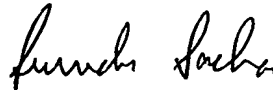
As a result of the interview Examiner Grant indicated he would withdraw the finality of the previous Office Action, particularly the Office Action dated May 27, 2003, re-examine the issues under the Recapture Rule, and reevaluate the proper role of the cited reference to Watanabe. Examiner Grant indicated he would then issue a new Office Action or Notice of Allowance after reevaluating the above-noted issues.

Therefore, at this time applicant awaits a further communication with respect to the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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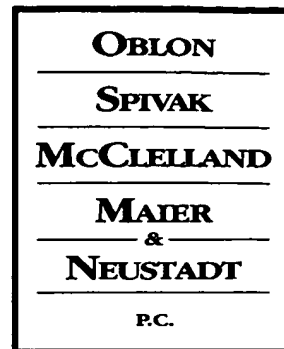
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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